

## TITLE OF THE INVENTION

## SUBSTITUTED PIPERIDINES AS MELANOCORTIN-4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 Certain novel substituted piperidine compounds are agonists of the  
human melanocortin receptor(s) and, in particular, are selective agonists of the human  
melanocortin-4 receptor (MC-4R). They are therefore useful for the treatment,  
control, or prevention of diseases and disorders responsive to the activation of MC-  
4R, such as obesity, diabetes, sexual dysfunction, including erectile dysfunction and  
10 female sexual dysfunction. Also provided are methods of treating sexual dysfunction  
with a compound that is a selective agonist of MC-4R over any other human  
melanocortin receptor.